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SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING WITH NEW AUTHORITIES

1. WE HAVE NOW HAD FIRST APPROACH TO US BY FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A MEETING OF CHIEFS OF MISSION AT STATE GUEST HOUSE CALLED BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOR PURPOSE OF HEARING FOREIGN SECRETARY FAKHRUDDIN AHMED'S BRIEFING ON CURRENT SITUATION. ALL OR VIRTUALLY ALL MISSIONS WERE REPRESENTED, INCLUDING SOVIET AND INDIAN.

2. FOREIGN SECRETARY'S STATEMENT CLOSELY PARALLELED AND EXPANDED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NOTE OF AUGUST 16 (DACCA 3967). HE EXPLAINED NEED FOR NEW GOVERNMENT'S TAKEOVER AS HISTORIC NECESSITY TO RESCUE THE COUNTRY FROM CORRUPTION, NEPOTISM, AND ECONOMIC STAGNATION WHICH HAD BROUGHT POVERTY TO THE BANGLADESH PEOPLE; ASSERTED THAT TRANSITION TO NEW ADMINISTRATION HAD BEEN SMOOTHLY ACCOMPLISHED; DESCRIBED NEW GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY AS CONTINUATION OF POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH ALL STATES REGARDLESS OF THEIR SYSTEMS; OFFERED ASSURANCE THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD HONOR ALL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS; AND CONCLUDED WITH FOLLOWING
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STATEMENT: "I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT WITH YOUR

SYMPATHY AND GOODWILL THE CLOSE AND FRIENDLY TIES THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH EACH OF YOUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE IN MUTUAL STRENGTH."

3. QUESTION PERIOD WAS ENTIRELY TAKEN UP BY QUESTIONS ABOUT RESTORATION OF TELGRAPHIC AND OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING A HEATED STATEMENT BY ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ABOUT VIOLATION OF VIENNA CONVENTION IN DENYING HIM NORMAL COMMUNICATION WITH HIS GOVERNMENT. FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID ALL THESE MATTERS WERE BEING LOOKED INTO URGENTLY. ANSWERING MY QUESTION ABOUT RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID HE HOPED TO HAVE WORD FOR US ON THIS BY TOMORROW NOON (AUGUST 19).

4. WE HAVE ALSO HAD A VARIETY OF LOWER-LEVEL CONTACTS OVER THE WEEKEND AND TODAY ON SECURITY, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND OTHER OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND WE CAN NOW EXPECT THE NORMAL TEMPO OF THE MISSION'S WORK, INCLUDING AID CONTACTS, TO RESUME GRADUALLY OVER THE COURSE OF THE COMING WEEK.
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